(c) the names of the States in which the schemes are under implementation?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) In June, 2006 the Prime Minister's new 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities has been announced. The details of the schemes included in the programme are available on the website 'www.minorityaffairs.gov.in'. The programme is applicable to the entire country.

**Minority Mapping work**

1418. SHRI K.P. K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minority Mapping work undertaken by his Ministry has been completed and the final report submitted;

(b) whether any special vehicle under the title "Inter-ministerial Task Force" is going to be commissioned;

(c) whether it is a fact that the findings of the Mapping are more concentrating on the National Security angle than on the Social angle;

(d) whether the Tamil Nadu is also included in the list of Coastal States which are exposed to foreign mischief; and

(e) if so, what the districts of the State which are open for such foreign incursions?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (e) Districts, CD Blocks and towns, having a substantial minority population, have been identified in consultation with the Registrar General of India.

An Inter-ministerial Task-force has already been constituted to formulate the approach for development of such towns.

**Muslim officers in higher posts**

†1419. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Muslim officers working on higher posts and the details of the services in which they are working on higher posts;

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(b) the names of those public sector (Government) Institutes where no Muslim persons are working on higher posts; and

(c) the details of steps Government have taken to compensate the same?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Data on employment in Government service, including in Public Sector Undertakings, is not maintained on the basis of religion. However, instructions have been issued by the Department of Personnel and Training to submit information regarding representation of 'minorities' in Government employment, including public sector undertakings.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Criteria for ascertaining the minority people**

†1420. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any criterion to ascertain the number of minority people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(c) the details of the facilities being provided to the minorities;

(d) whether some of the castes in Punjab who speak Punjabi language are also included in the minority list; and

(e) if so, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) The Central Government have notified five religious communities, *viz.*, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis) as minority communities in accordance with Section 2(C) of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) Act, 1992.

(c) The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities focuses on enhancing opportunities for education, an equitable share in economic activities and employment and improving the condition of living of minorities and provides for earmarking of 15 per cent of targets and funds, wherever possible, for minorities in the schemes included in the programme.

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